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REF: STATE 133157

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY TO REPRESENTATIVE SPARK MATSUNAGA (CANNON 442) FROM HIS FOREIGN POLICY ASSISTANT, DR. PING CHEN. IF VOTE ON TURKISH AID ISSUE IS IMMINENT, DEPT MAY WISH TO DICATE MESSAGE TO MATSUNAGA'S SECRETARY BY TELEPHONE.

2. BEGIN TEXT. WHILE I WAS IN ISTANBUL AMBASSADOR WILLIAM MACOMBER CALLED PERSONALLY FROM ANKARA TO RELATE FOLLOWING: US HAS WON VICTORY IN THAT TURKISH GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO POSTPONE THE US BASE ISSUE. WHEN MACOMBER MET WITH TURKS ON JULY 17 NO CONCRETE PROPOSAL WAS BROUGHT UP BY THE LATTER AND NO NEW DATE OF MEETING WAS SET. THIS IS EVIDENCE OF TURKISH GOOD WILL. HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE COMPROMISE WOULD BE WELCOME, BUT FRASER AMENDMENT VERY DIFFICULT FOR TURKEY TO ACCEPT. AMBASSADOR TOOK THE POSITION THAT AID TO NATO ALLY SHOULD NOT BE TIED TO TURKISH OCCUPATION OF NORTHERN CYPRUS, BUT TURKEY WOULD MAKE CONCESSION ON CYPRUS ONCE THE US AID ISSUE IS RESOLVED.

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3. HAVING RECEIVED WHAT I REGARD AS HONEST AND COMPLETE BRIEFINGS ON THE SITUATION IN TURKEY AND OUR INTERESTS THERE, AND IN THE LIGHT OF AMBASSADOR MACOMBER'S JUDGMENT TO WHICH I BELIEVE SOME IMPORTANCE SHOULD BE ATTACHED (HE IS A REALIST AND NOT GIVEN TO SENTIMENTALITY OR "LOCALITIS"), I THOUGHT I SHOULD PASS THIS ON TO YOU IMMEDIATELY FOR YOUR REFERENCE BEFORE THE MORGAN COMPROMISE VOTE.

4. SMM UPI DISPATCH CONSIDERED UNFRIENDLY BY PRC OFFICIALS. IN FACT, SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT WITH PC WAS CANCELLED IN HONG KONG. HOWEVER I HAVE SUCCEEDED IN REACHING ONE HIGH-RANKING OPERATIVE TO EXPLAIN OUR BALANCED POSITION. WILL FURNISH FULL REPORT UPON RETURN AUGUST 2.

5. PLEASE GO OVER THE MANUSCRIPT WHENEVER YOU FIND TIME. AUGUST 30 WILL BE THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE.

6. STOPPING OVER IN SOFIA ON MY WAY TO MUNICH GRATIFIED TO LEARN FROM AMBASSADOR MARTIN HERZ THAT UA-BULGARIAN RELATIONS HAVE GREATLY IMPROVED DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS. END TEXT.
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